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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF 22 MAY 2001

In response to the further Office Action of 22 May 2001, it is requested that the
application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 12, 13, 22 and 30 as set out below.

1. (four times amended) A method of detecting anomalies in messages transmitted electronically by an entity over an electronic transmission medium comprising the steps of:
 - (i) storing information relating to the transmission of messages by the entity over a given time period,
 - (ii) processing the stored information to create a first signature comprising a plurality of parameters related to the transmission of messages over that time period wherein the parameters comprise at least one parameter related to the transmission of messages over a portion of the period and also related to the position of the portion in the period, to enable output data to be derived from the stored information;